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TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year Ending

31st DECEMBER, 1972

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE
TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1972

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We regret to record the death of Dr. George Nicholson on the 10th January, 1973. He has been the Medical Officer for the Rural District for the past 46 years. It has been a great pleasure to us all in the Public Health Department to have worked with him during this time, especially with his investigations into gastric cancer and his earlier great interest in diptheria immunisation.

Dr. L. N. Jackson, M.C., T.D., B.A., D.M., B.Ch. (Oxon), F.R.C.G.P., of Crediton, was appointed as Medical Officer for this area with effect from the 1st May, 1973, until re-organisation takes place on the 1st April, 1974. I am sure that he will wish to thank the Exeter and Mid-Devon Hospitals Management Committee and the North Devon Water Board and all the officers of my Department who have assisted in compiling this report.

A. L. SANDERS

Chief Public Health Inspector.

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LANDS BELONGING TO THE STATE

There are several tracts of land belonging to the State of New York, which are situated in the County of Albany. These tracts are situated in the Town of Rotterdam, and are known as the "State Lands". The lands are situated in the Town of Rotterdam, and are known as the "State Lands".

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

DURING THE YEAR 1972

- (a) Part-time Medical Officer of Health:
G. NICHOLSON, M.D., F.R.C.S., D.P.H., M.F.C.M.
- (b) Chief Public Health Inspector:
A. L. SANDERS, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.
- (c) Surveyor and Public Health Inspector:
G.E. MOGFORD, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.
- (d) Public Health Inspectors:
R. W. HOLE, D.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.
V. R. PRING, D.P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.
- (e) Meat Inspectors:
G. F. PENBERTHY, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.
A. BLAIR, Meat Inspectors Certificate
of the Royal Sanitary Assoc.,
of Scotland.
G. HANNAN, Certificate in Meat Inspection
Royal Society of Health.
J. D. VICARY, Certificate in Meat Inspection
Royal Society of Health.
D. CLODE, Certificate in Meat Inspection
Royal Society of Health.
I. McCULLOCH, Certificate in Meat Inspection
Royal Society of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area: 114,109 acres

Population: 21,910 (mid-year estimate)

Rateable Value: £640,677

Sum Represented
by a Penny Rate: £6,060

Social Conditions: The area being predominantly rural in nature, conditions are generally good.

Slaughtering Industries: The principal slaughterhouse in the district is :-

Lloyd Maunder Ltd.,
Tiverton Junction, Willand.

In addition there are two other small private slaughterhouses.
(See subsequent statement on slaughterhouses.)

Other Main Industries:

Wiggins, Teape & Co., Paper Manufacturers, Bradninch
 Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Silverton
 Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Cullompton
 Culm Leather Dressing-Company, Cullompton
 Fox Brothers & Co., Weavers, Cullompton
 Fox Brothers & Co., Weavers, Uffculme
 Unigate Foods Limited, Hemyock
 Exmoor Woodcraft Limited, Exebridge (Morebath Parish)
 Bramber Engineering Works, Willand
 Strong, Rawle & Strong, Fellmongers, Willand
 Easton Construction Products Ltd., Joinery Works,
 Cullompton
 E.C.C. Quarries, Westleigh and Hillhead, Uffculme
 Redland Tiles Ltd., Burlescombe, Tile Manufacturers
 King's Asphalt Ltd., Fenacre Quarry, Burlescombe
 Scotts Quarries, Bampton
 Holmingham Quarries (part) Stoodleigh Parish.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS	<u>Total</u> 318	<u>Male</u> 149	<u>Female</u> 169	
Rate per 1,000 home population		14.5	(crude rate)	
		17.1	(adjusted)	
Ratio of local adjusted birthrate to national rate				1.16
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS				25
Rate per cent of total live births				8
STILL BIRTHS	<u>Total</u> 3	<u>Male</u> 3	<u>Female</u> 2	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births				9
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS				321
INFANT DEATHS (deaths under one year)				3
INFANT MORTALITY RATES				
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births				9
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births				10
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births				Nil
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)				3
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)				Nil
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)				9
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)				
Number of deaths				Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births				Nil
DEATHS - ALL AGES	<u>Total</u> 286	<u>Male</u> 136	<u>Female</u> 150	
Crude death rate per 1,000 population				13.1
Corrected death rate per 1,000 population				10.5
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate				.87

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1972 giving age incidence :-

Age Periods	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Infective Jaundice	Food Poisoning
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	1
2 years	3	1	1	-	-
3 years	4	-	4	-	-
4 years	5	-	3	-	-
5 - 9	10	-	2	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	4	-	1	1	-
25 & OVER	-	-	-	1	2
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	26	1	11	2	3

TUBERCULOSIS - New cases and mortality during 1972 :-

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 & OVER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

HOSPITAL SERVICES

The following report has been received from Mr. P. Le Fleming, the Group Secretary of the Exeter and Mid-Devon Hospitals Management Committee :

"The three Tiverton Hospitals have continued to provide a wide range of services for the Tiverton area, including General Medical, General Surgical and Gynaecological facilities, as well as the Maternity Unit at the District Hospital and Geriatric facilities at the Belmont Hospital. The level of activity in all the hospitals was more than maintained throughout 1972, with a total of 2,102 patients discharged following in-patient treatment, including 1,737 from the Tiverton and District Hospital. There were also 400 live births in the Maternity Unit at this hospital. Out-patient Clinics were attended by 4,564 new patients, and 4,293 new patients received treatment in the Casualty Department. During the course of the year the total out-patient attendances were 9,751, and 8,912 in the Casualty Department.

The Regional Hospital Board recognises the valuable services provided by the Casualty Department at the Tiverton and District Hospital, and this unit has now been classified as an interim Accident and Emergency Centre providing valuable supporting services to the main Accident and Emergency Department in Exeter. The Regional Board has also been pursuing preliminary planning for the re-development of the hospital services in Tiverton on the Belmont Hospital site where it seems likely that the first stage will include the provision of new ward accommodation for the geriatric patients and also a Day Hospital where these elderly patients can receive assessment and treatment without admission to hospital."

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE SCHEMES

During the year progress has been made with the Thorverton Sewerage Scheme and it will be completed during 1973. The total amount of this Contract is £134,225.

With regard to the Willand Area, the extensions to this works have been put in hand and the work will be completed during 1973. The total amount of this Contract is £107,108.

A sewer was relaid between Willand Road, Cullompton and Court House, Cullompton at a cost of £20,386.

During the year surface water sewerage schemes to prevent flooding were carried out at Culmstock and West Town, Cullompton.

It will be seen from the report which follows that private and Council housing development in a large number of the parishes has proceeded far in excess of the estimates made during the 1960's and, as a result, the majority of our sewerage schemes are now working to capacity and, in some cases, are overloaded. The Council is, therefore, committed to a very large programme of extensions to existing sewage disposal installations, and arrangements have been made for this work to be carried on by the Regional Water Authority who take over the functions of sewage disposal as from the 1st April, 1974. It is hoped that the suggested programme will continue without any undue delay during the period of re-organisation, in order that development, both private and Council, will not be held up. There are also programmes for new health centres and schools, which will be implemented during the 1970's. It is essential that our sewerage disposal programme should be kept one stage ahead of the development programme right throughout the district.

A. The undermentioned parishes are now effectively sewered:

BURLESCOMBE The Burlescombe and Westleigh Scheme and Disposal Works give satisfactory results. Strict control is kept on the trade effluent from the Redland Tile Company's premises at Westleigh.

BUTTERLEIGH Messrs. Harvey McGill & Hayes have been asked to carry out improvements to the sand filter and certain works should be carried out during the year 1973. Only a small amount of capacity is available for development.

CRUWYS Satisfactory samples have been
MORCHARD obtained, but there are problems
(Nomansland during heavy rainfall with the
and sand filters. Improvements will
Pennymoor) be carried out during the year
1973.

CULLOMPTON The new scheme at Cullompton is
functioning in a satisfactory
manner. Arrangements have been
made to pump the sewage from Bradninch
and development is taking place in
the West Town area. The Department
of the Environment have suggested
bringing in the sewage from the
Kentisbeare Area and the trade efflu-
ent from the Culm Leather Works has
yet to be connected to our sewers.
When all this work has been completed
an assessment will have to be made
regarding the capacity of the new
works at Cullompton and our Consult-
ing Engineers have been instructed
accordingly. There is room on the
site for extensions.

HOLCOMBE During the year samples taken from
ROGUS the works have been satisfactory.
There is still some capacity left
for future development.

HUNTSHAM A small scheme serving the village
is performing in a satisfactory manner.
Several properties have been connected
to the sewers and there is a small
amount of capacity left for future
development.

WASHFIELD This scheme appears to be working in
a satisfactory manner, but there is
no capacity available for taking in
further development to the small
sewage disposal works there.

B. Parishes which have been sewered and where further
extensions and improvements are now necessary,
mainly on account of recent development and
recent planning approvals:

BAMPTON Our Consulting Engineers have been
asked to prepare a scheme for improve-
ments at Bampton to deal with the
development area envisaged in the
Outline Development Plan for Bampton.
No doubt, this scheme will be passed

on to the Regional Water Authority for early implementation. The development now taking place in Bampton under old outline planning permissions will overload the present works.

BRADNINCH

Our Consulting Engineers have prepared a scheme which has been submitted to the Department of the Environment and it is hoped to carry out the work of improvements to the sewers in Bradninch to deal with certain areas where housing will be allowed and to pump the sewage to Cullompton for treatment at the new works there. The estimated cost of this work is £187,907.97.

CULMSTOCK

We have reached the stage at Culmstock where no further development can be allowed. The sewage disposal works is working at capacity loading and at times is overloaded. The new scheme for improvements at Culmstock is being pressed with the Regional Water Authority and has already been included on their priority list.

HALBERTON

There is very little spare capacity available in the Halberton Sewage Works for further development. There is also a problem with the lack of dilution of the effluent, owing to the very small stream to which the effluent is discharged. The farmer has also objected to the discharging of effluent into the mill leat. This matter has been raised with the Regional Water Authority Working Party and has been put on the list for urgent action after April, 1974.

HEMYOCK

There is still pressure for further development in this parish and allowance has been made for it in the Outline Development Plan. Our Council have therefore taken action in asking our Consulting Engineers to prepare a scheme for extensions by means of a Contact Stabilisation Plant. It is hoped that this work will be carried out during 1973, in order to enable further development to take place at Hemyock.

- KENTISBEARE The scheme submitted to the Department of the Environment for a separate sewerage scheme for Kentisbeare did not receive their approval and they have suggested pumping the sewage to Cullompton. The necessary scheme has been prepared and will be submitted to the Department of the Environment early in 1973, after which it is hoped that the work will be put in hand.
- SAMPFORD
PEVERELL A scheme for extensions is urgently required, as the present sewage works is overloaded and priority is being given to this parish in the works proposed by the Working Party of the Regional Water Authority.
- SILVERTON Our Council is conscious of the large amount of development which is now taking place in Silvertown, and for which outline permission has been given, and is proceeding with the installation of a Contact Stabilisation Plant in this parish, in order that building work can continue unimpeded.
- STOODLEIGH A comprehensive scheme for Stoodleigh has been approved by the Department of the Environment and it is hoped that this work will be put in hand during 1973.
- THORVERTON Work is in progress with the construction of a new disposal works and improvements to the sewers.
- UFFCULME Owing to the large amount of development envisaged in the Outline Development Plan, our Council will be installing a Contact Stabilisation Plant during 1973.
- WILLAND Work is in progress with the extensions mentioned in last year's report.
- Certain works are being carried out at Willand in preparation for the M5 Motorway; certain sewers are being re-routed and a new Pumping Station is being built to replace one which will be demolished by the M5 Motorway Construction Work.

C. Small Villages and Hamlets which have been partly
sewered:

BICKLEIGH This small works is working to capacity, but we are fortunate in that the effluent very rarely reaches a watercourse. The effluent seems to seep away into the gravel sub-soil. The sewage plant is a very old one and the Regional Water Authority will be made aware of the problems at Bickleigh.

CADELEIGH The centre of the village is served by an old septic tank.

HALBERTON The Ash Thomas area is sewered
(ASH by septic tanks and there is
THOMAS) a problem during the summer months. The Regional Water Authority have been made aware of the conditions existing there.

HOCKWORTHY The small sewage plant serving the Council Houses and taking sewage from the built-up area of Staple Cross is performing satisfactorily.

MOREBATH The village scheme, together with the land treatment area, is dealing with the sewage from this hamlet.

OAKFORD Treatment is by a septic tank and land irrigation. A scheme will be required in the foreseeable future.

UPLOWMAN New development has resulted in a proliferation of septic tanks in this hamlet. The Regional Water Authority have been asked to consider providing a new sewerage scheme for Updown.

D. Not Sewered:

The undermentioned parishes, being very rural in character, have no centre large enough to require a sewerage scheme. Public sewerage facilities in these scattered areas is not at the present time considered to be a necessity :

Claydon
Cadbury, Clayhanger, ~~Clayhanger~~, Loxbeare and Templeton.

WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply in this District is from the mains of the North Devon Water Board and they report as follows :

The water supplied to the Eastern Parishes of the Rural District for sources at Churchstanton, Newcombe, Sheldon, Blackborough and Hockworthy has been of an acceptable standard chemically and of the highest possible standard bacteriologically. The demand has, at times, exceeded the quantity available, resulting in a loss of supply at peak periods. A great improvement is anticipated in 1973 with the completion of a trunk main which is being laid from Tiverton. Water supplied to some of the Western Parishes from the Wistland-pound Reservoir when it was down to a low level was discoloured on account of manganese. The Board are considering means of overcoming this problem. Apart from this, the supply from the reservoir has been of a high chemical standard and of the highest possible bacteriological standard.

There are no natural fluorides in the supplies and none have been introduced.

The following schedule gives details of the properties supplied in each parish at the 31st December, 1972 :

Parish	Properties supplied by mains water			
	No. of Domestic Properties	No. of Farms	No. of other Meter supplies (ex cattle troughs)	Total Properties
Bampton	432	16	39	487
Bickleigh	48	7	10	65
Bradninch	709	18	34	761
Burlescombe	196	34	20	250
Butterleigh	22	6	3	31
Cadbury	7	2	1	10
Cadeleigh	14	7	2	23
Clayhanger	17	5	1	23
Clayhidon	46	32	6	84
Cruwys Morchard	61	30	7	98
Cullompton	1,548	56	111	1,715
Culmstock	256	25	17	298
Halberton	361	53	22	436
Hemyock	308	17	23	348
Hockworthy	25	19	2	46
Holcombe Rogus	119	12	6	137
Kentisbeare	174	47	22	243
Loxbeare	17	3	-	20
Morebath	48	8	2	58
Oakford	58	15	5	78
Sampford Peverell	331	14	36	381
Silverton	569	11	16	596
Stoodleigh	41	6	7	54
Templeton	18	15	-	33
Thorverton	278	11	16	305
Uffculme	599	68	68	735
Uplozman	41	11	2	54
Washfield	43	14	-	57
Willand	460	12	36	508
TOTALS	6,846	574	514	7,934

LEARNER SWIMMING POOLS AT SCHOOLS

Routine samples of these pools are taken by the County Health Department and we also give advice on chlorination and general swimming pool hygiene. The Headmasters are aware of the requirements of the Public Health Authority in this respect.

WATER SAMPLING (PRIVATE SUPPLIES & WELLS)

Samples taken by the Public Health Department during 1972:

Parish	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Taken
Bampton	-	8	8
Bickleigh	1	-	1
Bradninch	1	1	2
Burlescombe	4	1	5
Butterleigh	1	1	2
Cadbury	-	2	2
Clayhidon	2	4	6
Cruwys Morchard	-	2	2
Cullompton	6	7	13
Culmstock	1	1	2
Hemyock	6	6	12
Hockworthy	3	1	4
Holcombe Rogus	4	9	13
Huntsham	5	3	8
Kentisbeare	2	2	4
Morebath	1	6	7
Oakford	-	2	2
Sampford Peverell	1	-	1
Silverton	2	-	2
Stoodleigh	2	5	7
Uffculme	1	-	1
Uplowman	2	2	4
Washfield	2	3	5
Willand	12	-	12
TOTALS	59	** 66	125

** Advice given and action taken as necessary.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Mr. W. P. Lake has continued as the Council's Rodent Operator during the year. We have a hundred contracts for farms and business premises. These premises are visited four times a year, with additional visits, as necessary. In general Warfarin bait is used, but in difficult cases we rely on zinc phosphide. The Council's sewers and tips are treated regularly and the services of the Rodent Operator are available to any ratepayer, who wishes to ask for his services. Mr. Lake is near retirement and we have taken steps to employ a new Rodent Operator to be trained under his supervision during 1973.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

30 Licences to slaughter animals have been renewed or granted during the year. Mr. G. Penberthy, the Senior Meat Inspector, is asked for his observations on all cases where new licences are granted.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

At the 31st December, 1972, the following private slaughterhouses were licensed and in use in the District :

Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand
Beef and Sheep Slaughterhouse

Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand
Pig Slaughterhouse

J. Veysey & Son, 30, Fore Street, Cullompton

Mr. G. S. James, 24, Fore Street, Silverton.

MEAT INSPECTION

We now have six full-time Meat Inspectors at Lloyd Maunders and a considerable amount of meat is now exported. One hundred per cent meat inspection is carried out in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations. The Meat Inspectors work a normal week and, in addition, are paid for overtime at overtime rates. Extensive alterations have been and are being carried out at this slaughterhouse to bring it up to the E.E.C. Standards required. The throughput during 1972 at this slaughterhouse was 357,309 carcasses.

Details of carcasses inspected are enumerated in the following tables.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part:

LLOYD MAUNDER'S SLAUGHTERHOUSES TIVERTON JUNCTION	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	6445	66	141	210856	139801
Number inspected	6445	66	141	210856	139801
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	5	21	147	609
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2427	34	8	12919	15429
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	37.69	59.1	20.56	6.2	11.47
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1178
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.84
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	} 24	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	}	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :					
	Tons	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.	
	140	17	1	11	

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part:

OTHER PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	240	-	-	471	58
Number inspected	240	-	-	471	58
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	39	-	-	30	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	16.25	-	-	6.37	-
<u>Tuberculosis only::</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.72
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :

Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.
3	0	4

POULTRY INSPECTION

Number of poultry processing
premises within the District

2

Number of visits to these
premises

434

Total number of birds
processed during the year

5,054,438

Types of birds processed

Hens
Broilers
Capon
Turkeys

Percentage of birds rejected
as unfit for human consumption

2.47%

Weight of poultry condemned
as unfit for human consumption

140 tons 16cwt. 3qrs. 21 lbs.

Lloyd Maunders are conscious of the requirements of the EEC Directive on Poultry Meat Inspection and are taking steps to bring their slaughtering establishment up to the standard required.

It will be necessary before 1976 to employ lay inspectors under a Veterinary Surgeon to inspect poultry in all establishments in the United Kingdom. This will apply both to poultry which is exported and to poultry which is for the home market. It will therefore be necessary for the New Local Authority under re-organisation to look into the staffing problems which will be presented by the implementation of the EEC Directive.

The present system of poultry inspection in force at Lloyd Maunders is a spotters' check operated by the firm themselves. Rejected and suspect carcasses are examined at intervals during the day by our Meat Inspectors. The hygiene at this very large establishment is of a very good standard.

Visits are made to a small poultry packing establishment at Uffculme and the standard there is reasonably good.

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY
VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

No formal action has been necessary during the year under review. A number of stallholders have been approached regarding certain minor infringements of the Regulations. A strict eye is being kept on the snack bars alongside the A.38 and these continue to be a problem. I understand that the Devon County Council are taking steps to stop this practice, as far as their official lay-bys are concerned; but, of course, there is nothing to prevent a caravan operating on private land for twenty eight days or less, provided the stallholders comply with the Regulations.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

Routine visits are made to these premises from time to time. Particular attention is paid to food premises on the holiday routes and a number of letters have been sent pointing out infringements of the Regulations. Detailed below are the type of food premises now existing in our District.

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>No. of Premises</u>
Bakehouses	12
Butchers' Shops	20
Fried Fish Shops	5
Retail Food Shops	60
Catering Establishments	71

We have a large number of catering establishments and these are, of course, mainly alongside the A.38 and the A.373 and also the holiday route to Cornwall. All these are visited at regular intervals.

REFUSE COLLECTION

We are now implementing an Incentive Bonus Scheme. This is working reasonably well in that we are able to give a weekly collection to the majority of ratepayers, the only exceptions being isolated farmhouses and certain small groups of houses which get a fortnightly collection.

Despite the large number of additional dwellings which have been built in this District during the past five years, we have been able to carry on the collections with no additional staff and no additional vehicles. The time will come, however, when the position has to be reviewed.

Refuse disposal is by controlled tipping at Gaddon Down. The tracked vehicle we use has performed in a satisfactory manner. The remaining tipping space is very limited and the New Authority will have to come to an arrangement with the Higher Tier Authority for another disposal site. This matter is now urgent.

BULKY REFUSE

In addition to the two skips provided at Gaddon Down, and which are used regularly by the public, small items of bulky domestic refuse are picked up by our refuse lorries by arrangement with the Supervisor and the larger articles are collected twice during the year, when we operate a free bulky refuse collection from households in the District.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

This Act is being fully implemented by our Council as regards both abandoned vehicles and fly-tipping of refuse.

During the year we dealt with nine vehicles, six of which have been disposed of by the Council: the other three were removed by the owners. The Devon and Cornwall Constabulary have been very helpful in reporting to us any abandoned vehicles they find alongside the main roads in the District. Our own Councillors have also been helpful in reporting cases where vehicles appear to have been abandoned.

DEPOSIT OF POISONOUS WASTE ACT, 1972

This Act, which came into force in August, 1972, requires a depositor of certain waste to notify the local Authority at least three days prior to tipping. As there is a private site for the disposal of industrial waste at Bampton, this has resulted in a flood of notifications, all of which have to be checked and assessed.

We work in close co-operation with the Devon River Authority, who are concerned with pollution of underground watercourses; and the Alkali Inspectorate, who are concerned with pollution of the atmosphere; and also the Department of the Environment, who will shortly be bringing in new legislation giving the local authority stricter control on the deposit of industrial waste.

In a number of cases we have advised the tip owners that particular wastes are not suitable for disposal at Bampton and should be incinerated. The number of industrial incinerators available in this country is very limited at the present time, but steps are being taken to improve the position and, when this has been done, the new legislation envisaged will come into force.

As a result of our insistence, control boreholes have been installed at Bampton. The River Authority are monitoring the tip and, in order to guard against the possibility of spontaneous combustion, temperature probes have been provided by the Management on the tip itself, in order to keep control over the temperature within the tip.

During the year under review, my Department have made a great number of visits to Higher Kiln, Bampton.

SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT - HOUSING ACTS, 1957 et seq.

Mr. Mogford has supplied the following information :

Year 1972

Improvement Grants

Applications received	113
Approved	107
Applications for Increase in Grant approved ...	5
Revised Grants	1
Improvement Grant Payments	59

Standard Grants

Applications received	29
Approved	24
Applications for Increase in Grant approved ...	4
Paid	43

Closing Orders

Revoked	6
Made	-

Preliminary Notices

Cancelled	3
Served	-

Outstanding Undertakings

Accepted	5
Cancelled	-

Demolition Orders

Made	-
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COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this Rural District.

CARAVAN MOVEABLE DWELLING AND CAMPING SITES AND
CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Total number of sites licensed at the end of 1972 34

In addition, there are sites for tourists' caravans at :

Whitehall Mill, Hemyock
Whiteheathfield Barton, Bradninch
Higher Grants Farm, Exebridge
Little Copse, Bradninch
"The Wishing Well", Bampton
Hearne Farm, Clayhanger
Middle North Coombe, Templeton
Petton Cross Garage, Bampton
Morebath Manor, Morebath
Shuttleton Farm, Hemyock
Moorhayes Farm, Cullompton
Higher Shutelake Farm, Cullompton
Highfields, Culmstock
Poole Farm, Thorverton
Gotleigh Farm, Smeatharpe, Clayhidon
Churchwalls Farm, Westleigh, Sampford Peverell
West Ruckham Farm, Cruwys Morchard
Cadbury Castle Filling Station, Cadbury
Five Bridges Farm, Halberton
Hukeley Farm, Morebath
Gloyns Farm, Oakford.

These are exempt from Local Authority Controls, but are visited regularly by members of the Public Health Staff, especially during the holiday season.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	44	10	Nil	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	104	18	Nil	Nil
iii) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	148	28	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-work-ers in August list req'd by Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose-cutions (7)
Wearing Apparel } Making etc.,	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Clean-ing and Wash-ing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

